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## **Commissioner for Patents**

The reply of the substitute Brief on Appeal has been received, however the problems set on the Notification of Non-Compliance have not being overcome. Applicant establishes three separate groups, but does not argue why each group is separately patentable, as per 37 CFR 1.192c (7). A unique argument must be given for each group. Applicant has not pointed out structure unique to each of claims 4, 16 and 17 that is not shown by the prior art. Merely mentioning the preamble heading does not constitute a unique argument as per 37 CFR 192c (8)(iv). Alternately, Applicant could state that all claims stand or fall together. The period for response continues from the mailing date of the Notification of Non-Compliance, May 13 2004.

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